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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 28, 1997, at 10:30 a.m.

Senate

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1997

The Senate met at 12 noon, and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

We conclude our character counts prayers by asking for the character trait of caring that is expressed in loyal citizenship. Dear God, You have lavished Your love in the natural resources and expressed Your providential care in the blessing of our Nation. Thank You for the privilege of being citizens of this land of liberty, justice, opportunity, and promise. You call us to be loyal in our patriotism and diligent in seeking Your very best for our land.

Sovereign of America, give us a character transplant. In a time when so many say, "I couldn't care less," help us to remember how much You care for us and respond by saying, "We dare not care less." We cast all our cares on You because You care for us. May this motivate us to confront the problems of our Nation and seek Your solutions.

Gracious Father, bless the women and men who express their citizenship by serving here in this Senate. You have told us that if we pray for them You would pour out Your power. Guide these leaders as they seek to know and do Your will. Fill this Chamber with Your shalom and make us one with shared patriotism and united vision. Through our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able acting majority leader is recognized.

Mr. HAGEL. Thank you, Mr. President.

SCHEDULE

Mr. HAGEL. This morning, the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 1:30 p.m. Following morning business, we hope to begin consideration of the pending Federal Reserve Board nominees or the Interior appropriations conference report.

Also, later in the day, we hope to make progress on amendments to S. 1173, the highway legislation. As Members are aware, a fourth cloture motion was filed to the highway bill on Friday, so there will be a cloture vote on Tuesday at a time yet to be determined.

In addition, the Senate could be asked to consider Amtrak strike legislation during this week as well. Under the previous order, at 5 p.m. today the Senate will vote on the confirmation of the Marbley of Ohio nomination to be U.S. district judge. Members are reminded that this may not necessarily be the only vote scheduled today. Members will be notified when other votes are scheduled.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 37 AND H.R. 2646

Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, I understand that there are two items that are

due to be read a second time. I ask that they be read consecutively at this time.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will read the measures by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (S.J. Res. 37) to provide for the extension of a temporary prohibition of strikes or lockout and to provide for binding arbitration with respect to the labor dispute between Amtrak and certain of its employees.

A bill (H.R. 2646) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow tax-free expenditures from education individual retirement accounts for elementary and secondary school expenses, to increase the maximum annual amount of contributions to such accounts, and for other purposes.

Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, I object to further consideration of these matters at this time.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The bill and joint resolution will be placed on the Calendar of General Orders.

Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HAGEL). Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning

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